



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Center for Implementation Science project** in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, located at 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75390.

The funding would be used for investing in the public health infrastructure to help mitigate the risk and loss associated with future pandemics. This investment in public health will work to alleviate the burden of chronic diseases including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity – conditions that are related to behavioral risk factors and exacerbated by the COVID-19 virus. The COVID pandemic also exposed the dangers of many Americans' lack of access to a healthcare system. Supporting a strong public health research enterprise and adding key public health professionals will help alleviate current and future health inequities.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Allred", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Colin Z. Allred
Member of Congress